HOUSE No. 2516

By Mr. Jones of North Reading, petition of Bradley H. Jones, Jr., and others for legislation to provide an income tax deduction for elementary or secondary education tuition payments. Revenue.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PETITION OF:

Bradley H. Jones, Jr. Daniel K. Webster Mary S. Rogeness Karyn E. Polito George N. Peterson, Jr. Paul K. Frost Paul J.P. Loscocco John A. Lepper Viriato Manuel deMacedo **Shirley Gomes** Elizabeth A. Poirier Michael J. Coppola Donald F. Humason, Jr. Todd M. Smola Susan Williams Gifford Richard J. Ross Robert S. Hargraves

In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO EXPANDING EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE CHILDREN OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

- 1 Paragraph (a) of Part B of section 3 of chapter 62 of the
- 2 General Laws, as appearing in the 2002 Official Edition, is hereby
- 3 amended by inserting after subparagraph (13) the following new
- 4 subparagraph:—
- 5 (14) In the case of a taxpayer who maintains a household which
- 6 includes as a member one or more individuals who qualify as a
- 7 dependent under section 151 of the code and said individual(s) is
- 8 currently enrolled in an elementary or secondary school, an
- 9 amount equal to the lesser of 25 per cent of the cost of tuition at
- 10 such school or \$5,000.